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To: Federal Communications Commission

From: ConNEXTions Telcom

Re: Forbearance Notification

WC Docket No. 11-42 – Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization

ConNEXTions Telcom, f/k/a FEC Communications, LLP, Study Area Code 449009, hereby notifies the FCC that it is availing itself of the forbearance granted by the *Lifeline Modernization Order*<sup>1</sup> from the obligation to offer Lifeline-supported broadband Internet access service. ConNEXTions Telcom elects this forbearance relief for the census blocks listed in the Excel file that accompanies this notification. What follows is the information the Wireline Competition Bureau has requested in these notifications.<sup>2</sup>

1. *Carrier Name*: ConNEXTions Telcom, f/k/a FEC Communications, LLP

2. *ETC Designation Information*

- a. *ETC Designation Order*: Public Utility Commission of Texas; Application of FEC Communications, L.L.P. for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC) Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §214(e) and P.U.C. Substantive Rule 26.418; Docket No. 24386; Order No. 3; Notice of Approval for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC); August 23, 2001.
- b. *Designating Authority*: Public Utility Commission of Texas
- c. *Type of Designation*: High-cost support recipient (*i.e.*, not Lifeline-only)
- d. *Date of ETC Designation*: August 23, 2001

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<sup>1</sup> *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization et al.*, WC Docket No. 11-42 et al., Third Report and Order, Further Report and Order, and Order on Reconsideration, 31 FCC Rcd 3962 (2016).

<sup>2</sup> *Wireline Competition Bureau Provides Guidance Regarding Filing Procedures for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Seeking to Invoke Forbearance Granted by Lifeline Modernization Order*, Public Notice, WC Docket No. 11-42, DA 16-1316 (rel. Nov. 22, 2016).

3. *Areas Where ETC Seeks Forbearance:* The Excel file that accompanies this notification contains a list of the census blocks, in numerical order by FIPS code, where ConNEXTions Telcom is availing itself of forbearance relief.
4. *Information on Areas Where Carrier Elects to Offer Broadband:* Notwithstanding the forbearance relief ConNEXTions Telcom is availing itself of, the company intends to offer Lifeline-supported broadband service throughout its ETC-designated area.

Please feel free to contact me at 903-878-3132 or [steven.steele@gopeoples.net](mailto:steven.steele@gopeoples.net) if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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